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The US Embassy in Bonn reported yesterday that the nuclear incident near Harrisburg has aroused considerable interest and comment in West Germany. West German cabinet members concerned with nuclear policy are to convene today at the request of Interior Minister Baum, who had sent two reactor safety experts to Harrisburg. The Embassy described official West German reaction to the incident as cautious and added that it appeared to have increased the size of the crowd demonstrating at Hannover on Saturday against development of the reprocessing plant in Gorleben. The French Government, which also has sent nuclear safety experts to the US, reportedly is having a ministerial-level session on nuclear policy today, apparently to decide on authorizing an additional five nuclear power stations.

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